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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No.: 38777-0059

Applicant(s): Milan S. BLAKE *et al.*

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Serial No.: 10/677,496

Examiner: Z. Lucas

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Group Art Unit: 1648

Title: IMPROVED METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BACTERIAL
TOXINS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

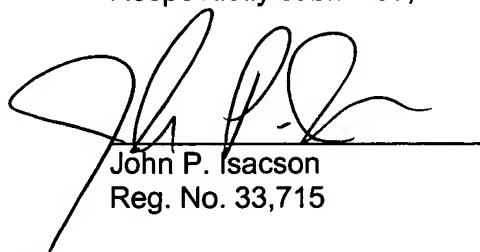
In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group II, namely claims 1-6 and 10. Applicants also elect the species of Group (A), the toxin-producing bacteria are *Bordetella*. Applicants traverse on the grounds that the examiner has not shown an undue burden to examine other claims.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required, but expressly request an extension, and provide an authorization to charge our firm deposit account, should an extension be needed. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641.

A first office action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

September 22, 2004
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